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**MEDIA ALERT****North Carolina Museums Team Up to Introduce *Skip the Screen!***

*North Carolina museums offer a family-friendly treasure hunt this summer.*



**WHAT:** The North Carolina History Museums have joined together to create a fun-filled family adventure across the state and away from computer screens.

**WHEN:** July 1–August 31, 2021

**WHERE:** Online at [www.ncmuseumofhistory.org/skip-the-screen](http://www.ncmuseumofhistory.org/skip-the-screen)

**DETAILS:** Travel through history this summer with your North Carolina History Museums! Stop over to your local museum or visit all seven across the state and earn rewards as you go. To get started, visit [www.ncmuseumofhistory.org/skip-the-screen](http://www.ncmuseumofhistory.org/skip-the-screen).

Travel across the state and use the *Time Travel Ticket* to earn some rewards. To participate, print off a ticket or pick one up at participating museums, visit a listed museum, complete the activity provided, and collect the rewards. One museum visit and completed activity wins a small souvenir, two different museums can win you a souvenir and a museum store discount\* on one item, and three or more visits to different museums win a souvenir and a museum store discount\* on your total purchase!

If you travel to the different museums or prefer to stay closer to home, check out the *Read Through History*. View a list of books on North Carolina culture, stories, and history that are available at most museum shops, perfect for summer reading lists and breaks from computer games!

If traveling isn't in your summer plans, take a journey whenever you want with *History Anywhere, Anytime*. Discover how you can go on a journey—in your home, across town, or on the road—with the following activities: Hands-on History, Treasure Hunt, Artifact or Arti-Fiction?, Bake-Off/Cookout, and No Plugs, No Batteries!

Enjoy a summer free of digital screens by visiting a facility and enjoying one of the fun activities brought to you by the following North Carolina History Museums: Mountain Gateway Museum (Old Fort), Museum of the Albemarle (Elizabeth City), Museum of the Cape Fear (Fayetteville), North Carolina Museum of History (Raleigh), Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum (Hatteras), North Carolina Maritime Museum (Beaufort), and North Carolina Maritime Museum (Southport).

\*Please note the following: Discounts not applicable at the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum store in Hatteras. Souvenirs and discounts will vary. One discount allowed per family; must be used on the day of visit. Some exclusions on items may apply. This offer will not be combined with other discounts or promotions.

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**For information about the NC Museum of History**, a Smithsonian Affiliate museum, call 919-814-7000 or access [ncmuseumofhistory.org](https://ncmuseumofhistory.org) or follow the museum on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), or [YouTube](#).

### **About the NC Museum of History**

The North Carolina Museum of History, a Smithsonian Affiliate, fosters a passion for North Carolina history. This museum collects and preserves artifacts of state history and educates the public on the history of the state and the nation through exhibits and educational programs. **Admission is free.** Pre-COVID 2019, more than 465,000 people visited the museum to see some of the 150,000 artifacts in the museum collection. The Museum of History, within the Division of State History Museums, is part of the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

### **About the Smithsonian Affiliations Network**

Since 2006, the North Carolina Museum of History has been a Smithsonian Affiliate, part of a select group of museums, cultural, educational, and arts organizations that share Smithsonian resources with the nation. The Smithsonian Affiliations network is a national outreach program that develops long-term collaborative partnerships with museums, educational, and cultural organizations to enrich communities with Smithsonian resources. More information is available at [affiliations.si.edu](https://affiliations.si.edu).

### **About the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources**

The North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (NCDNCR) is the state agency with a vision to be the leader in using the state's natural and cultural resources to build the social, cultural, educational, and economic future of North Carolina. NCDNCR's mission is to improve the quality of life in our state by creating opportunities to experience excellence in the arts, history, libraries, and natural assets in North Carolina by stimulating learning, inspiring creativity, preserving the state's history, conserving the state's natural heritage, encouraging recreation and cultural tourism, and promoting economic development.

NCDNCR includes 27 historic sites, seven history museums, two art museums, two science museums, three aquariums, and Jennette's Pier, as well as 39 state parks and recreation areas, the North Carolina Zoo, the nation's first state-supported symphonic orchestra, the State Library of North Carolina, the State Archives of North Carolina, the North Carolina Arts Council, the North Carolina State Historic

Preservation Office, and the North Carolina Office of State Archaeology, along with the state Division of Land and Water Stewardship. For more information, call 919-814-6800 or visit [DNCR.nc.gov](http://DNCR.nc.gov).

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